

STATE OF MINNESOTA

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July 16 and 17 will be the golden jubilee and XIII annual Minnesota Serbian Day celebration of the St. Vasilije of Ostrog Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Serbian Day is a state wide affair; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Vasilije's Church is the Serbian landmark of Minnesota; and, until 1923 served the entire state; and,

WHEREAS, Serbian people began to settle in this part of Minnesota at the turn of the 20th century, when logging was the principal industry of the state and iron ore mining was still in its infancy; and,

WHEREAS, Serbian people mainly came here from two Serbian regions which were then subjugated by Austro-Hungarian empire: Bosnia and Lika; as well as from Serbian kingdom of Black Mountains. They came in political search for freedom and livelihood; and,

WHEREAS, they served in both World Wars and have adapted themselves well to their new environment, adding to the strength and prestige of their state and nation;

AND WHEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota proclaim July 16 and 17 as

"GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY OF ST. VASILJE OF OSTROG"  
AND  
"MINNESOTA SERBIAN DAY"

throughout the State of Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans to join with their fellow citizens in celebrating this important occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty and of the State the one hundred third.

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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